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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: KHARTOUM ASSASSINATIONS: BELGIAN DEBRIEFING

1. COUNSELOR BELGIAN EMBASSY CAIRO WHO HAS BEEN IN KHARTOUM PAST WEEK HANDLING DETAILS GUY EID MURDER CALLED TODAY PRIOR HIS RETURN THIS AFTERNOON TO CAIRO. HE STOPPED AT EMBASSY FOLLOWING HIS APPARENTLY ONLY CALL ON FIRST VICE PRES GEN BAGHIR. HE HAD NO NEW INFO ON EVENTS LEADING UP TO ASSASSINATIONS OR SUBSEQUENT GOS STANCE. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS MADE SO MANY DEMARCHES TO FOR MINISTRY CONCERNING GOS RESPONSIBILITY NOT TO LET TERRORISTS OFF LIGHTLY THAT HE HAD WORN OUT HIS WELCOME. CONSISTENT GOS RESPONSE IS THAT HE AND GOB SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT TERRORISTS WILL RECEIVE " JUSTICE" WITH NO FURTHER ELUCIDATION.

2. WE INQUIRED IF HE HAD RECEIVED ANY INDICATION OF TIME FRAME IN WHICH GOS WAS HANDLING INQUIRY AND TRIAL. HIS RESPONSE, ECHOED BY SOME FOREIGN NEWSMEN HERE, IS THAT GOS WILL BE PREPARED FOR TRIAL IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

3. HE ALSO INFORMED US CONFIDENTIALLY HE HAD EXTENDED OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR PRES NIMAIRI TO STOP OVER IN BELGIUM ON APRIL 2 " EVEN IF JUST FOR A FEW HOURS" TO MEET WITH KING BAUDOIN DURING

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NIMAIRI' S SCHEDULED VISIT TO UK NEXT MONTH. WE THUS INFER GOB
IS TAKING ASSASSINATIONS SERIOUSLY.

4. DUTCH EMBASSY IS ASSUMING INFORMAL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR BELGIAN
EMBASSY SINCE EID WAS ONLY BELGIAN OFFICIAL ASSIGNED HERE.
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